

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOANNA PALACIOS,

Plaintiff,

v.

BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:24-cv-01383-JLT-CDB

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY FOR  
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL  
RULE 131(e)

(Doc. 7)

The Court has read and considered the filed Substitution of Attorney Form AO-154 of Plaintiff Joanna Palacios to substitute Jaime E. Colon-Velez in place of Elizabeth Kristen (Doc. 7).

The filing includes electronic signatures for the former attorney and new attorney, each bearing an “/s” followed by the individual’s name. This complies with Local Rule 131(c) for current counsel who is utilizing the filer’s individual CM/ECF account. However, as for the new attorney signature, the substitution is without attestation of current counsel acquiring authorization or possessing a signed original copy.

Local Rule 131(e) states that “[s]ubmitting counsel shall place the other counsel’s signature on the electronic filing by using ‘/s/ counsel's name (as authorized on \_\_[date]\_\_).’ Alternatively,

1 one counsel may obtain the original signatures from all counsel who are filing the document, scan  
2 the signature page(s) only and file the signature page(s) as an attachment to the document with an  
3 explanatory statement on the signature page of the filed document.” L.R. 131(e).

4 Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff’s request to substitute counsel  
5 (Doc. 7) is DENIED without prejudice. Plaintiff may re-file a substitution of attorney form that  
6 complies with Local Rule 131(e).

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: January 17, 2025

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE